

## Message Text

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R 270630Z DEC 76  
FM USINT BAGHDAD  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3955  
US DESPATCH AGENT NEW YORK  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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OPR PASS USDISPATCH AGENT BALTIMORE

DEPT ATTN ST: PLEASE PASS TO NEA/EX

E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: ATRN, IZ  
SUBJECT: ROUTING OF SHIPMENTS FROM US TO BAGHDAD

1. IN AN EFFORT TO SOLVE SERIOUS PROBLEM OF SHIPMENTS FROM THE US TO BAGHDAD WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKING SIX MONTHS AND LONGER, POST CONTACTED MANAGER OF TRANS MEDITERRANEAN AIRWAYS (TMA) AND LEARNED THE FOLLOWING:

(A) TMA HAS FIVE FLIGHTS WEEKLY FROM AMSTERDAM TO BEIRUT, AND A WEEKLY FLIGHT FROM BEIRUT TO BAGHDAD. (TMA HAS RESUMED FULL SERVICE FROM BEIRUT SINCE 16 DECEMBER). FREIGHT RATES AMSTERDAM/BEIRUT/ BAGHDAD ARE: GENERAL CARGO (OVER 45 KILOS) 2.56 DOLLARS PER KILO

EDIBLES (OVER 100 KILOS) 1.48 DOLLARS PER KILO

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (OVER 100 KILOS) 1.90 DOLLARS PER KILO.

(B) AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTING WOULD BE SEA SHIPMENT TO BEIRUT  
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AND AIR FROM BEIRUT TO BAGHDAD. (TMA ADVISES BEIRUT SEAPORT HAS REOPENED). AIR CARGO RATES BEIRUT/BAGHDAD

GENERAL CARGO (OVER 45 KILOS) 42 CENTS PER KILO

EDIBLES (OVER 100 KILOS) 38 CENTS PER KILO

2. OVERLAND SHIPMENTS FROM EITHER GULF OR MEDITERRANEAN PORTS  
LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO BE PROBLEM IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. IN VIEW  
OF SERIOUS MORALE PROBLEM AND DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM PROTRACTED  
SHIPPING TIME FOR BOTH PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL SHIPMENTS, SEA/AIR  
CARGO SHIPMENTS AS OUTLINED HIGHLY DESIRABLE. TMA ADVISES  
COMBINED SEA/AIR SHIPMENTS CAN BE HANDLED ON THROUGH B/L.

3. REQUEST DEPT DO A COST COMPARISON STUDY OF PROPOSED SEA/AIR  
SHIPMENTS WITH PRESENT METHOD. IN MEANTIME, IN VIEW OF  
INFO CONTAINED IN KUWAIT 5867 (NOTAL) REQUEST SHIPMENTS BE  
MADE THROUGH BASRA RATHER THAN KUWAIT.

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